

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 13-09-05**

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For Work Week Commencing: September 2, 2013

Commission Meeting: September 5, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of August 26, 2013

2. Red Lodge Tour & Taxi T-13.22.ST (Brenda)

On June 18, 2013 Michael L. Pilati d/b/a Red Lodge Tour & Taxi, Red Lodge, Montana filed an application for transfer of PSC No. 9462 to Billings Collision Repair, Inc. d/b/a Red Lodge Tour & Taxi, Billings, Montana. The transfer was noticed to the public on August 6, 2013 and no protests were received. Proposed Motion: Approve the transfer of PSC No. 9462 as applied for.

Class B – Passengers between all points and places in Red Lodge, Montana and a 150 mile radius. LIMITATION: Transportation movements must originate or terminate in Carbon County, Montana.

3. Blair Transfer & Storage, Inc. T-13.23.ST (Nickie)

On July 22, 2013 Blair Transfer & Storage, Inc., Missoula, Montana filed an application for transfer of PSC No. 334 to Michael K. Dunne d/b/a Dunne Transfer & Storage, Butte, Montana. The transfer was noticed to the public on August 6, 2013 and no protests were received. Proposed Motion: Approve the transfer of PSC No. 334 as applied for.

SUB A Class C - Property, within the City of Missoula, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: The transportation of property (except household goods) between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

SUB B Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission), between all points in the State of Montana over any public highways.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2013.8.62 – Ron Frantz vs. NorthWestern Energy – Formal Complaint – Decide whether to accept the filing as a formal complaint and require NorthWestern Energy to answer the complaint. (9/5/13)
2. ARM 38.2.5031 – Public Utility Executive Compensation administrative rule – Discuss draft rulemaking proposal to amend the rule and give direction on issuing rulemaking notice. (9/5/13)
3. D2012.5.49 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of 1) Deferred Cost Account Balances for Electricity Supply, CU4 Variable Costs/Credits, and DGGs Variable Cost/Credits; and 2) Projected Electricity Supply Cost Rates, CU4 Variable Rates, and DGGs Variable Rates - Commission deliberation on final order. (9/5/13)

Other Meetings

9/5/13 1:00-2:00 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy information meeting re: therm billing (Bollinger Room)

9/12/13 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 9/13/13 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee meeting – Harlowton (no web audio feed)

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2013.8.61 - NorthWestern Energy - Petition for Certification of a Community Renewable Energy Project

D2013.8.62 - NorthWestern Energy - Complaint of Ron Frantz v. NorthWestern Energy